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## Senate Democrats double down on support for tax cuts for everyday Oregonians, better schools for state's students

Senate Republicans attempt to back out of education funding

SALEM – Senate Democrats squelched a surprise attack by Republicans against tax cuts for everyday Oregonians and better schools for students statewide.

Senate Republicans used a parliamentary trick to attempt to recall the landmark Student Success Act. The Senate voted on Monday to pass the bill and send it to Gov. Kate Brown for her signature. The bill creates a dedicated fund for education that will specifically cover mental health services, career technical education and other services Oregon's students need to be successful. It cuts taxes for Oregonians earning less than \$125,000 a year. It's the culmination of 16 months of work, including meetings in communities all over the state.

"On Monday we passed the Student Success Act, a landmark bill that will transform our schools, and then today we stood up for Oregon's students again by repelling the Republicans' attack on school funding," Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick (D-Portland) said. "In the same motion, they also attempted to repeal a tax cut for everyday Oregonians. We will continue fighting for better educational opportunities for our state's students and a fairer tax structure for all Oregonians."

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